AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-21. (Canceled)

Claim 22. (original) An information recording apparatus comprising:

storing means including a plurality of disc-shaped recording mediums which are arrangeable so as to have a logically unified first data area for storing information signals therein; and

recording means for enabling continuous recording of a first information signal in said first data area.

Claim 23. (original) The information recording apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said storing means further comprises a second data area for storing a second information signal.

Claim 24. (original) The information recording apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said second data area is logically unified within said plurality of disc-shaped recording mediums and said second information signal is recorded in said second data area continuously.

Claim 25. (original) An information recording apparatus comprising:

storing means including a plurality of disc-shaped recording mediums which are arrangeable so as to have a logically unified first data area and a logically unified second data area for storing information signals therein; and

recording means for enabling continuous recording of a first information signal in said first data area and continuous recording of a second information signal in said second data area.

Claim 26. (original) The information recording apparatus according to claim 25, wherein a first data area is an AV data area, said first information signal is an AV information signal, a second data area is a memo data area and said second information signal is a memo data information signal.

Claim 27. (original) The information recording apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said storing means includes a logically unified third data area for storing a third information signal.

Claim 28. (original) The information recording apparatus according to claim 27, wherein said third data area is an audio data area and said third information signal is an audio information signal.

Claim 29. (currently amended) The information recording apparatus according to claim 25, wherein said plurality of disc-shaped recording mediums are ~~is a~~ hard disc drives (HDD).

Claims 30-31. (canceled)

Claim 32. (original) The information recording apparatus according to claim 25, wherein said disc-shaped recording mediums include a number of magnetic discs and wherein said recording means includes a magnetic head for recording temporally continuous data on said number of magnetic discs.

Claim 33. (original) The information recording apparatus according to claim 25, wherein at least one of said first data area and said second data area is logically unified in response to an actuating input from a user.

Claim 34. (original) An information recording method comprising:

a plurality of disc-shaped recording mediums which are arrangeable so as to have a logically unified first data area for storing information signals therein; and

enabling continuous recording of a first information signal in said first data area.

Claim 35. (original) The information recording method according to claim 34, wherein said disc-shaped recording mediums further comprise a second data area for storing a second information signal.

Claim 36. (original) The information recording method according to claim 35, wherein said second data area is logically unified within said plurality of disc-shaped recording mediums and said second information signal is recorded in said second data area continuously.

Claim 37. (original) An information recording method comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of disc-shaped recording mediums which are arrangeable so as to have a logically unified first data area and a logically unified second data area for storing information signals therein; and

enabling continuous recording of a first information signal in said first data area and continuous recording of a second information signal in said second data area.

Claim 38. (original) An information recording/reproducing apparatus comprising:

storing means including a plurality of disc-shaped recording mediums which are arrangeable so as to have a logically unified first data area for storing information signals therein; and

recording means for enabling continuous recording of a first information signal in said first data area.

Claim 39. (original) The information recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 38, wherein said storing means further comprises a second data area for storing a second information signal.

Claim 40. (original) The information recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said second data area is logically unified within said plurality of disc-shaped recording mediums and said second information signal is recorded in said second data area continuously.

Claim 41. (original) An information recording/reproducing apparatus comprising:

storing means including a plurality of disc-shaped recording mediums which are arrangeable so as to have a logically unified first data area and a logically unified second data area for storing information signals therein;

recording means for enabling continuous recording of a first information signal in said first data area and continuous recording of a second information signal in said second data area; and

reproducing means for reproducing the information signals stored in said recording means.

Claim 42. (original) The information recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 41, wherein a first data area is an AV data area, said first information signal is an AV information signal, a second data area is a memo data area and said second information signal is a memo data information signal.

Claim 43. (original) The information recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 42, wherein said storing means includes a logically unified third data area for storing a third information signal.

Claim 44. (original) The information recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 43, wherein said third data area is an audio data area and said third information signal is an audio information signal.

Claim 45. (currently amended) The information recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 41, wherein said plurality of disc-shaped recording mediums are ~~is a~~ hard disc drives (HDD).

Claims 46-47. (canceled)

Claim 48. (original) The information recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 41, wherein said disc-shaped recording mediums include a number of magnetic discs and wherein said recording means includes a magnetic head for recording temporally continuous data on said number of magnetic discs.

Claim 49. (original) The information recording/reproducing apparatus according to claim 41, wherein at least one of said first data area and said second data area is logically unified in response to an actuating input from a user.

Claim 50. (original) An information recording/reproducing method comprising:

a plurality of disc-shaped recording mediums which are arrangeable so as to have a logically unified first data area for storing information signals therein; and

enabling continuous recording of a first information signal in said first data area.

Claim 51. (original) The information recording/reproducing method according to claim 50, wherein said plurality of disc-shaped recording mediums further comprises a second data area for storing a second information signal.

Claim 52. (original) The information recording/reproducing method according to claim 51, wherein said second data area is logically unified within said plurality of disc-shaped recording mediums and said second information signal is recorded in said second data area continuously.

Claim 53. (currently amended) An information recording/reproducing method comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of disc-shaped recording mediums which are arrangeable so as to have a logically unified first data area and a logically unified second data area for storing information signals therein;

enabling continuous recording of a first information signal in said first data area and continuous recording of a second information signal in said second data area; and

reproducing the information signals recorded in the first data area, the second data area and a third data areas.